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New Dog Regulations in Effect January 1st

All dogs residing in the Town of Elma that are over 6 months old must be licensed in the Town.

As of January 1, 2011 the New York State Agriculture and Markets will no longer be issuing new dog licenses or renewals to residents. This duty will now be the responsibility of the Town Clerk's Office. All dogs must get a new Town of Elma license and tag. New York State Agriculture and Markets will still mandate a fee of \$3.00 for unsprayed/unneutered dogs with a new fee of \$1.00 for sprayed and neutered dogs to maintain an Animal Control Program, which is included in the new fees. The new fee to license your dog(s) will be \$6.00 for sprayed/neutered and \$14.00 for unsprayed and unneutered dogs. The Town of Elma will offer a chance for dog owners to license more than one dog in the same month.

The Town Clerk's Office will be mailing you a postcard reminding you to license your dog(s) in the month they are due. Your dog may be licensed at the Town Clerk's Office, by mail or by calling 652-3260. Applications also can be dropped off in the night drop off box at the Town Hall. Be sure to include proof of a current rabies vaccination, if one is needed, with the fee to be paid. The Town

Clerk's Office will verify your information to see if a new rabies certificate is needed and if the dog is spayed, neutered or deceased. The Town Clerk's Office will mail a valid license and tag(s) back to you.

Elma does have a leash law. It is unlawful for the owner or any person harboring a dog(s) in the Town of Elma to permit or allow such dog to run at large in any park, playground, recreational area or school property, unless such dog is effectively restrained by a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length and is accompanied by its owner or a responsible person able to control the animal.

No owner or harbinger of a dog shall permit or allow such dog to cause damage or destruction to property or to urinate and/or defecate or to cause any other nuisance upon the premises of a person other than his owner.

No owner or harbinger of a dog shall permit or allow such dog to engage in habitual loud howling or barking or to conduct itself in such a manner so as to habitually annoy any person other than its owner or the harbinger.

Town Hall Hours
Monday thru Friday
8am -4pm

EMPACT

America Presentation

On Wednesday, January 11, at 7pm the Elma Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will host a free presentation by EMPact America, at the Elma Senior Center. The program will include a discussion of an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) episode, the effects and risk to our infrastructure and preparedness for life after such an episode.

The presentation is open to anyone who is interested in understanding the dangers of an electromagnetic pulse episode. Elma Emergency Response Team members will be on hand to provide free information on preparedness. The presentation should conclude by 8:30pm.

Book Donations

Due to the construction continuing at the library they have been unable to accept book donations for the Friends of The Library book sale.

The Friends of the Library plan on having a book sale during tax week at the Town Hall in February. The Friends would appreciate anyone with books to donate, to keep them until the construction is complete. If you would like them picked up sooner please call 655-3763

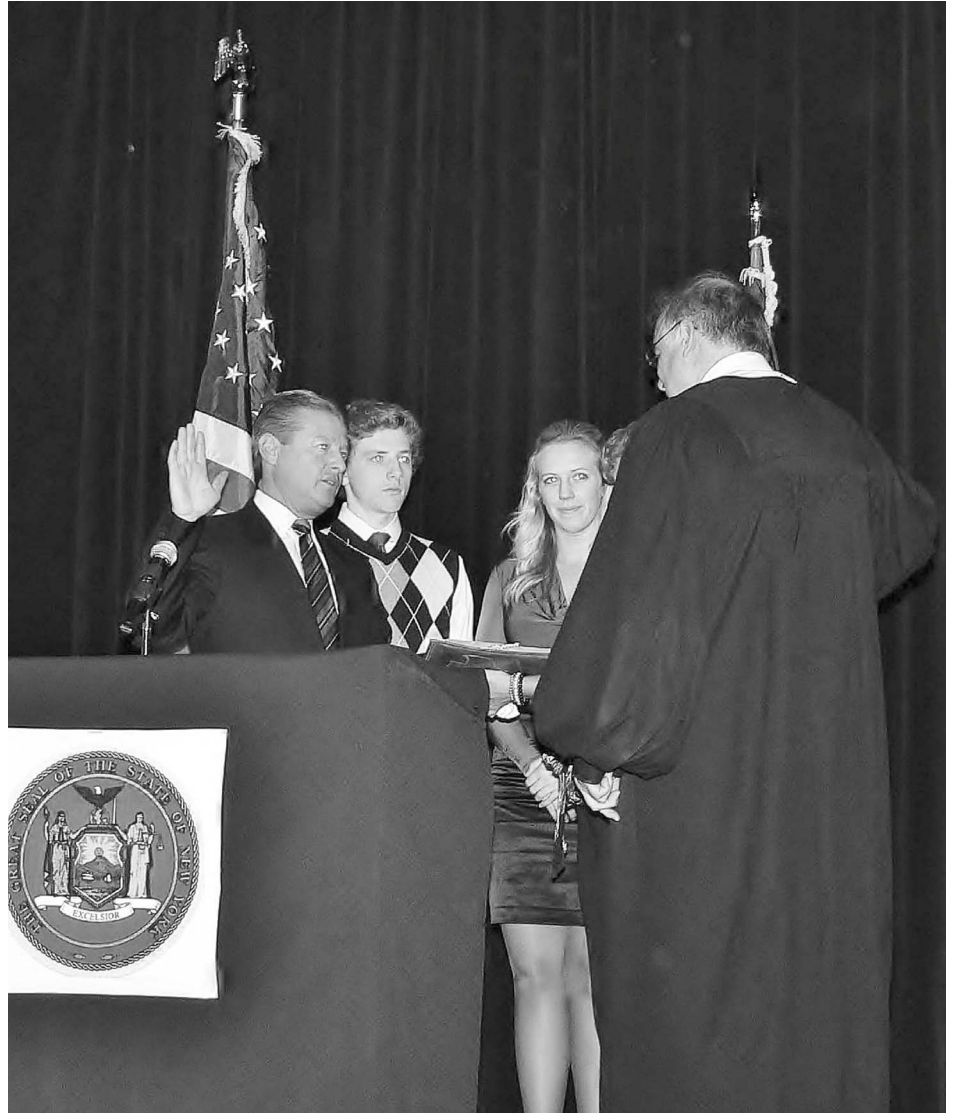
Pat Gallivan Sworn in as NYS Senator

Patrick M. Gallivan was joined by family, friends and supporters December 31st at the Lancaster Opera House where he was formally sworn in as New York State Senator for the 59th Senate District. The Oath of Office was administered by the Honorable M. William Boller. Gallivan, a first-term legislator, was elected in November following the retirement of long-time Senator Dale M. Volker.

Senator Gallivan's policy agenda will focus on reducing government spending and the State's heavy tax burden, while targeting New York's unsustainable Medicaid system and the state budget process as specific areas in desperate need of reform.

"I'm excited and humbled to represent the people of Erie, Wyoming, Livingston and Ontario Counties in Albany. State Government desperately needs Senators and Assemblymen who are ready, willing, and able to represent the interest and concerns of their constituents, protect the taxpayers, and provide solutions for the tough challenges facing New York, its residents and their future. That's why I ran and I believe that's why I was elected" said Gallivan.

Prior to being elected Senator, Gallivan served as Erie County Sheriff from 1988 through 1998. Pat resides in Elma with his wife and children.



Pat Gallivan was joined by his family as the Honorable M. William Boller, New York State Supreme Court Justice, swears him in as New York State Senator of the 59th District.

Tri-Town Recreation Offers Saturday Programs

Tri Town Recreation will be offering winter programs to the residents of Elma, Marilla and Wales. All programs are held at the Iroquois Middle School on Saturdays from January 8th until February 26th. Bus transportation will be available from the Wales and Marilla Primary Schools for the recreation program. Registration forms will be distributed through the Iroquois Schools and are available at the Elma, Marilla and Wales Town Halls. Registration is required and may be completed at the program. A minimal fee is charged.

The Youth Recreation Program is for boys and girls in kindergarten through six grade who are interested in crafts, recreational games and swimming. The program runs from 9am to 12 noon on Saturdays at the Iroquois middle School. There will be no recreation program January 29th and February 5th, 2011 Family Swim is scheduled at the Iroquois Middle School pool on Saturdays from 12:30 pm-2pm. Children must be accompanied by a parent. No program January 29th and February 5th, 2011.

Elma Kiwanis Club's Pancake Breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of Elma has announced their annual all you can eat Buttermilk Pancake Breakfast will be held on Super Bowl Sunday, February 6, 2011 at the Iroquois Senior High School cafeteria on Girdle Road. The breakfast will start at 8:00am until 4:00pm. The cost are adults \$5.00, children 4-12 years \$4.50, and as usual children under 4 are free.

Troop 290 Scouts Receive Awards



Troop 290 Scouts received the rank of Eagle during the Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at the First Baptist Church of Marilla. Pictured from left to right are Nicholas C. Weber, Joseph Kalinka and William D. Robinson.

Through the efforts of Scoutmaster James Heinrich, Troop 290 received its chartered membership into the Silver Lakes District of the Greater Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America on April 1, 1998.

Starting with 7 boys, 4 adult leaders and 14 committee members, the troop has grown to 38 scouts from the surrounding Towns under the leadership of Ron Adameczak.

Troop 290's Honor Roll consists of 35 Scouts who have been awarded Eagle Badges.

Nicholas Weber, a 2010 graduate of Iroquois Central and the son of Diane and Chris Weber, is a full time student at the State University of New York at Geneseo.

Nicholas' Eagle project was the restoration of an antique grain loader from the 1940's at the Elma Historical Society's Barn Museum. This involved replacing parts, priming and painting the grain loader to its original colors.

Joseph Kalinka is currently a Plebe at the United States Military Academy at West Point. During his time as a student at Iroquois High School he was a member of the National Honor Society and received the Merle E. Reuther Award in 2010, Distinguished Athlete Award, and the Academic Excellence Award.

Joseph is the son of Thomas and Diane Kalinka and has earned 26 merit badges and held the position of Chaplain Aide in the troop.

For Joseph's Eagle project, he revitalized the landscaping in front of Annunciation Church cemetery and installing a 122 foot chain link fence.

William Robinson, is the son of David and Linda Robinson. He is a 2010 graduate of Iroquois Central and is currently a freshman at Keuka College, majoring in Criminal Justice.

In the community Bill has volunteered at Marilla Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Town of Marilla clean-ups, Veterans Day Parades and the American Cancer Society.

For Bill's Eagle project, he designed and executed the construction of a kiosk at the Elma Conservation Club, placing a split rail fence, and collected information about different animals to place on the kiosk. Bill plans on getting his degree in Criminal Justice and become a State Trooper or a K-9 Officer.

**Elma's Fire Companies are
Requesting
Residents to Keep Fire
Hydrants
Clear of Snow this winter**

EMW Boys and Girls Club's Annual Auction

Every year the Elma Marilla and Wales Boys and Girls Club holds a grand event known as the "Annual Auction." This year's theme is "Dancing thru the Decades." The Boys & Girls Club will be transformed into an elegantly decorated ballroom with hundreds of items for the Chinese and Silent Auction. Items will also be auctioned off live by Duke Dygert.

This adult event will offer libations, food, raffles, favors, door prizes and state of the art sound system by Toys Brothers Entertainment.

"EMW Boys & Girls Club's annual auction is a major fund raiser in bringing in an estimated \$25,000 for operating expenses. The results of our efforts impact hundreds of kids in our community. The club has been serving the community for 36 years and over 200 kids are served daily. It is certainly a challenge to secure donated items for this event but with the help of the community we always outdo ourselves from the year before" said Tracey Karp, Executive Director.

The date of the event is Saturday, March 19th. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Club. or calling 652-9292.

To make a donation or volunteer you may visit the club on Girdle Road or call.



In December and early January, as part of its maintenance program, the Elma Water Department flushes water mains on over 75 streets and has had a good chlorine readings at all locations.



Students from the Iroquois High School orchestra entertain the visitors inside the museum before the lighting of the Town Christmas Tree at the Town's Christmas lighting ceremony.

Elma Library's Scheduled Hours of Service

In a cost cutting measure the Erie County Library System has reduced its hours for the Elma Public Library. Starting January 2, 2011 the Elma facility will be open Monday, and Wednesday 1 - 8:30, Tuesday 10- 6, closed Thursday, Friday 10-9 Saturday 10-4. Summer hours will be announced at a later date.

Christmas Trees may be taken to the Elma Transfer Station.

Town of Elma Christmas Tree Lighting



The Elma Historical Society and the Kiwanis Club of Elma partnered in the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Town's saw mill museum. Residents enjoyed singing carols and the photos with Santa and Magic the horse.

Photo left: Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the Grinch light the tree. Bottom left: Devin and Xzavier Walker pose with Santa for pictures. Bottom right: Cub Scout carolers entertain the visitors.

